

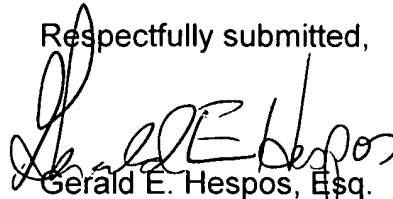
REMARKS

Consideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

The amended claims of the International Application have been amended further to eliminate the multiple dependency and to avoid the U.S. government surcharge for applications with multiple dependent claims.

Early and favorable action on the claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald E. Hespos", is written over the typed name.

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